

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

from Matthew 20:29-34.

Jesus heals, not from pride or power, but from compassion.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Jericho • Son of David
- Mercy • Compassion
- Stern

When the two blind men called for help, the crowd of disciples shushed them because they were unimportant and should not bother Jesus. This happened right before Jesus entered Jerusalem hailed with palms. People still do not grasp his message.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 300-301

Spark NRSV Bible page 1083

Family Prayer

Dear God, we are so slow to understand. Too often we waste our energy struggling for power, money, and position instead of helping others as Jesus taught. Thank you for your patient lessons. We pray that our eyes be opened. In Jesus' name... Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What does it feel like and what happens when you are sick or hurt?
- 2 Who do you know with special needs or challenges? Who helps them? How?
- 3 What are different ways that people can be hurt, sick, or in need?
- 4 As a family, choose someone you would like to help and decide what help you will offer: a meal, a loving note or picture, cleaning a room, working in a yard, a visit with listening ears. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination.



Eye Spark

This week, look for people who are offering help to ones in need. What does "help" look like through words and actions? How can you do the same?



Ear Spark

Listen for others asking for help and remember the blind men calling to Jesus. Can you help?

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Together, prepare and carry out the healing action you decided to do in #4 of the Talk About It section.

For younger kids

This week, offer to rub some lotion into a loved one's hands or feet.

For older kids

Dive into the subject of faith healing. Who can heal others like Jesus did—only Jesus? The 12 disciples? Are people healed miraculously today? Who are today's healers?



Jesus Heals Two Blind Men



“Help us, Jesus!” Jesus stopped in front of the men and asked,
“What do you want me to do for you?”

Braille It

When Jesus healed the blind men, they could see for the first time in their lives. Today, people with visual impairments can use Braille. Even though they cannot see, they can read! Look at the Braille below. Figure out the word that is shown. Then try writing your own name using Braille.

BRAILLE ALPHABET

